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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. IF ASKED ABOUT DEPARTURE OF EMBASSY OFFICERS AND PCV,
YOU SHOULD RESPOND ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

Q: WHICH AMERICANS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE BY THE GOVERN-
MENT OF CHAD?

A: THE THREE AMERICANS ARE: THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
AND THE SECOND SECRETARY OF THE EMBASSY, AND A PEACE
CORPS VOLUNTEER.

Q: WHY DID THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST THEIR DE-
PARTURE?

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A: NO REASON WAS GIVEN US BY THE CHADIANS. WE HAVE REQUESTED A' OFFICIAL EXPLANATION. NONE OF THE THREE PERSONS HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY WRONGDOING WHATSOEVER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR NORMAL DUTIES.

Q: WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE THREE AMERICANS WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE?

A: THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATION.

Q: WHAT EFFECT WILL THIS ACTION HAVE ON US-CHADIAH RELATIONS?

A: IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS THE EFFECTS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS OF THIS UNEXPLAINED ACTION ON THE PART OF THE CHADIANS. HOWEVER, WE EXPECT THAT REMAINING US PERSONNEL

IN CHAD WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN A NORMAL FASHION. INGERSOLL

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